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INFO AMEMBASSY LISBON

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SUBJ: MILITARY COUP

1. AZORES REMAINED CALM DURING DAY OF COUP AND THEREAFTER.
AIRPORTS REOPENED FRIDAY, BANKS STILL OFFERING
ONLY LIMITED SERVICES.

2. GOVERNMENT OPERATED EMISSORA REGIONAL, BROADCAST ONLY
MUSIC THURSDAY UNTIL ABOUT 1900 HOURS WHEN REVOLUTIONARY
MANIFESTO FIRST READ BUT PRIVATELY OPERATED RADIO
ANGRAONTERCEIR ARE BROADCASTING FOREIGN BULLETNS ON COUP
THROUGHOUT DAY WITHOUT HINDRANCE FROM AUTHORITIES. CONSUL
CALLED ON CIVIL GOVERNOR FONSECA THURSDAY AFERNOON, WAS TOLD
HE HAD CONSULTED OTHER AZORES GOVERNORS AND AGREED TO CALL
RESISTANCE FUTILE. AFTER HEARING MANIFESTO OVER RADIO CIVIL
GOVERNOR SENT TELEGRAM TO GENERAL SPINOLA ON BEHALF SELF
AND CIVIL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES PONTA DELGADA DISTRICT
ADHERING TO NEW GOVERNMENT. MILITARY GOVERNOR AZORES ADMIRAL
BRAGADA SILVA AND NAVAL COMMANDER COMODORE RODRIGUES SUBSEQUENTLY
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DISASSOCIATED SELVES FROM TELEGRAM OBLIGING CIVIL

GOVERNOR TO SEND ANOTHER TELEGRAM SPEAKING ONLY FOR HIMSELF
AND FORCES UNDER HIS CONTROL. ALL CIVIL GOVERNORS AZORES
REMAINED AND FONSECA DEPARTED FOR LISBON YESTERDAY.

3. LATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON SQUAD OF SOLIDERS LED BY ONE
CAPTAIN LOURENCO, WHO WAS SENT HERE AFTER ATTEMPTED MARCH
COUP, ARRESTED LOCAL DGS RPT DGS SUBDELEGATE AND ENCOURAGED
CROWD OF OVER 200 JEERING CITIZENS, MOSTLY STUDENTS, TO TEAR
DOWN BRASS PLATE IN FRONT OF OFFICE. THIS ACTION VERY
BADLY RECEIVED BY SUPPORTERS OF FORMER GOVERNMENT,
HAS ALARMED SOME MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY. FORMER REGIME
HAS MANY SUPPORTERS HERE AND REVOLUTION HAS FROM
BEING UNIVERSALLY POPULAR.
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